

Senate Passes Drug Bill, But Funding Must Await Overall Spending Vote

By Edward Walsh
Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — The Senate has overwhelmingly approved a major anti-drug measure, but it has not yet answered the critical question of how to pay for it.

The measure, which differs significantly from the House-passed anti-drug package, was approved Tuesday, 97-2, after the Senate adopted a nonbinding resolution pledging not to cut other programs to fund a national war on drugs.

The nonbinding resolution on funding, the last issue to be resolved in the Senate drug bill, was adopted at the instance of Senator Lowell P. Weicker Jr., a Connecticut Republican, who threatened an end-of-session filibuster if other programs were cut.

The bill increases penalties for dealing in drugs and steps up federal law enforcement efforts.

House and Senate leaders said Tuesday night that they expected to convene a conference committee to try to resolve differences between the \$1.4-billion Senate bill and the more ambitious House measure, which would authorize about \$1.7 billion in anti-drug programs in fiscal 1987. Leaders of both houses said there was enough time in the congressional session to work out the differences.

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are in the House bill but absent from the Senate measure.

Senate leaders were unable to explain where the money would be found, despite the issue until Congress adopts an omnibus spending bill to fund all government programs in the fiscal year beginning Wednesday.

The majority leader, Bob Dole, a Kansas Republican, said there was little sentiment to raise taxes to pay for the program and that he hoped it would not require Congress to exceed its budget limits for fiscal 1987.

As a "last resort," Mr. Dole said, he would support using some of the funds from the temporary windfall to the government next year in the first year under tax-overhaul legislation awaiting President Ronald Reagan's signature.

Senator Mark Mattingly, a Georgia Republican, who was supported by Senator Dole, said he would like the Senate to adopt the House's death-penalty provision.

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Status of Major Legislation

WASHINGTON — Here is the status of major bills moving through Congress before adjournment.

Continuing resolution: The House and Senate have approved a temporary resolution to provide money for federal departments and agencies for one week and keep the government from going out of business at midnight Tuesday.

Budget: The Senate and House have passed spending cuts — the Senate \$13.1 billion and the House \$15.1 billion — to bring Congress in line with the budget. Conference committee is working on the differences.

Debt ceiling: The Senate and House have adopted legislation increasing the debt ceiling. The House must work out a compromise with the Senate bill.

Drug: The Senate has approved a \$1.4 billion anti-drug bill and sent the measure to conference.

South African Sanctions: The House has overridden President Ronald Reagan's veto. The Senate is to vote Thursday on limiting debate on the measure.



FLOODS SWAMP CENTRAL U.S. — Residents of Kingsfisher, Okla., wading through the streets after storms that caused flooding in eight states. A Wisconsin dam was near the breaking point, and 2,100 families were driven from their homes in Illinois.

U.S. Government Shutdown Averted

By Jonathan Fierbringer
New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — A shutdown of U.S. government operations has been averted as the House of Representatives and Senate approved a stopgap appropriations bill that extends financing of operations for six days.

Aides to President Ronald Reagan said Tuesday night that he would sign the bill, preventing the government from closing down Wednesday on the first day of the fiscal year 1987.

The bill, which would extend U.S. military forces in drug-interdiction efforts. These provisions

levels, was approved 315-101 in the House and by a voice vote in the Senate.

Meanwhile, negotiators settled most of their differences over weapons and money ceilings in the bill establishing and extending military programs for the fiscal year 1987.

But several key issues, including House-approved arms-control provisions opposed by Mr. Reagan, the MX missile and a smaller, mobile missile, were left unresolved, with further talks scheduled.

The announcement Tuesday that Mr. Reagan and Mikhail S. Gorbachev, the Soviet leader, would meet next week in Iceland appeared to put pressure on the House to back off on its arms-control provisions, but Democratic leaders said publicly that they would not yield.

According to a spokesman, the ceiling for the overall military program bill is \$291.1 billion, which is just about \$1 billion below the level set in the congressional budget resolution for 1987.

In other issues, a compromise was reached to include one new Trident submarine at a cost of \$1.5 billion. The lawmakers also agreed to provide full financing for the Smith bomber, which is designed to make under a \$250-million payment to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration by the Pentagon for use of the space shuttle.

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er competition that is designed to keep the Northrop F-20 in the running.

Money for the military programs comes in separate legislation, which is now included in a comprehensive appropriations bill. But the negotiators from the two armed services committees are hoping that the appropriations committees will follow their agreements.

At the House and Senate were passing the stopgap bill, they were also working to clear up the major pieces of legislation they want to approve before adjourning for the year sometime next week.

The Senate continued to debate a \$356-billion, full-year comprehensive appropriations bill, which includes all 13 separate bills needed to finance the government.

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Plan to Move Argentine Capital Flatters but Frightens Frontier

By Bradley Graham

VIENNA, Argentina — Patagonia, the region that runs down the vast, jagged, sparsely populated landscape of southern Argentina, is not a desert of sand or gravel but of thorny gray-leaved thickets, squatting low over the rain forest of an incandescent wind.

In this rugged frontier, long a fort for Argentine dreams but never the object of such settlement, President Raul Alfonsín wants to build a new national capital, a plan that has stirred much debate between those who think it bold and those who call it folly.

Residents of two remote towns who suddenly learned in April that their area had become the president's choice for the new federal district have found the unsought attention both exciting and unsettling.

Most of these residents support the move to the capital from congested Buenos Aires, with its metropolitan population of eight million. But they remain skeptical, as do many Argentines, that it can ever be done. And if it is, they worry about damage to their pristine Patagonian landscape.

Transferring the capital is now the centerpiece of Mr. Alfonsín's program for shaking Argentina out of its decades-long slump and sparking a pioneer dynamism. The move, rather than a mere shifting of real estate and personnel, is meant to herald a national rebirth, what Mr. Alfonsín has dubbed the "second republic."

It is intended to redress historic imbalances of power and wealth with a new pole of development in the southern wilderness. It may also help in reducing the swelling ranks of government bureaucracy.

"Alfonso wants to pass into history the idea that the president is a feudal lord," said Adolfo Ibarra, a cattle rancher who was born in Viñes 53 years ago. His wife, Isabel María, added: "We don't look our house or cars now, but that will probably change."

Another lifelong resident of Viñes, Mayor Juan Caballero, is preoccupied with the kind of social ills that plague his counterparts in larger cities.

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Public administration is already the biggest employer in Viñes, a two-movie-theater town of about 35,000 that is the capital of Rio Negro province. Carlos de Paiva, a schoolteacher and town councilman, said he has seen a lot of the other side of the river, has about 15,000 inhabitants.

Both communities would be incorporated into the proposed 1,780-square-mile (4,620-square-kilometer) new federal district, but coming within of a core capital complex that is to be built on what is now flat grazing land about six miles east of downtown Viñes.

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But many landowners, proud of having battled the wind, the dryness and the isolation to settle homesteads, do not want to part with their properties and are threatening lawsuits.

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od. An equal amount is expected in private investment.

Having quashed objections from his own economic advisers, Mr. Alfonsín is determined to complete the first phase of construction in time to hold the 1990 presidential inauguration at this site along the Negro River, 300 miles (500 kilometers) from Buenos Aires.

Local residents, while flattered to be a focus of attention, fret about the possibility of losing the tranquility, the small-town familiarity and the clean river water they treasure.

"When confronted by progress, we fear losing our sense of intimacy and a mountain of other sentimental values," said Adolfo Ibarra, a cattle rancher who was born in Viñes 53 years ago. His wife, Isabel María, added: "We don't look our house or cars now, but that will probably change."

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The African Development Bank, the continent's largest pan-African development financing institution, is poised under its dynamic new leadership for a great leap forward in its combat against Africa's economic crisis and growing poverty.

The Abidjan-based African Development Bank Group, which includes the soft-loan lending affiliates, The African Development Fund and The African Development Bank, has 50 independent African and 25 non-African, mainly Western, members. Loans from the AFDB Group in 1985 topped the US\$1bn mark for the first time confirming its leading position.

Since taking over in September 1985 as the first President to be elected from within the Bank's ranks, Mr. N'DIAYE has sought to improve the quality of the Bank's services — both in the type of aid and disbursement. Mr. N'DIAYE, a 50 year old financial expert from Senegal, is also pressing strongly for a 200% increase in the Bank's capital to support an important new US\$5bn lending programme from 1987-91.

Mr. N'DIAYE believes that the AFDB should be an "important motor" for African development. The aim is that the AFDB should provide 4.8% of African investment by 1991, or nearly triple its present share. He also believes that a massive capital increase would be a "response" highlighted internationally by the recent UN Special Session on Africa. The major capital increase would enable the AFDB to maintain the growth in lending. Bank officials warn that if present trends continue the net capital flows to Africa will fall by half to an annual US\$5bn between 1983-88. The AFDB is seen as one of the leading players trying to mobilise new resources for Africa.

The appointment this week of a new Vice-President for Finance — a post formerly held by Mr. N'DIAYE — is seen as a step in this direction. For the first time in the Bank's 22 year history it has been filled by a non-African. He is a well known US banker, 55 year old Mr. Milan Kerno, formerly Vice-Chairman of Dean Witter Capital Markets International. Swiss born and Harvard educated Mr. Kerno is perfectly bilingual in French and English — AFDB's two working languages. He has for several years been associated with AFDB's borrowing programmes.

Mr. Kerno's appointment should help to strengthen the Bank's image in international financial circles. It comes just before the

Bank engages in a crucial phase of negotiations in Washington, in early October, concerning the proposed new capital increase. The Bank's 25 non-African members, which were admitted after the last capital raising exercise at the end of 1982, are for the first time taking part in the negotiations for the new increase.

The non-African countries hold one third of the Bank's capital, the main members being the USA and Japan, and their support will be vital for a successful capital increase.

The proposal to raise the Bank's capital to US\$18.4bn from 6.4bn contains various elements:

— The paid-up capital portion would be reduced to 12.5% from 25%, which would mean that the new five year lending programme would be financed to a far larger extent by external borrowing. An estimated US\$3bn is expected to be raised on international capital markets between 1987-91. A smaller capital increase would make borrowing more difficult as it would have to be tied to the capital of the African members. This is necessary in order to preserve the Bank's AAAAAA credit rating and to ensure that the Bank's borrowing remains at 80% of the capital of the Bank's non-borrowing, mainly Western, members.

— A major expansion in non-project lending is planned in the form of structural adjustment and sectoral loans emphasising policy reforms and rigorous financial management. This would require a big increase in numbers of economists and planners if the Bank is to be able to hold a constructive policy dialogue with beneficiary countries.

— Project lending, especially for agriculture and rural development, would remain the core of the Bank's activities. Private sector lending is to be substantially increased. Industry and Industrial Development Banks will be given 2nd priority in the 1987-91 lending programme, ahead of transport, public utilities, health and education.

— AFDB is also seeking ways to increase co-financing with commercial banks as well as the development of inter-African trade financing.

— Nigeria's resumption of borrowing this year, after a ten year absence, combined with Algeria's possible return in 1987 will put fresh pressure on AFDB's resources.

AFDB President BABACAR N'DIAYE is making the bid for a major capital increase after a strong performance in 1985 when loan disbursements rose by 84% and total Bank profits by nearly 80% to US\$58 million. Disbursements by the Bank rose 80% to US\$302.5 million and the fund by 88% to US\$216 million.

Quicker loan payments was one of the priorities identified by Mr. N'DIAYE in his election at the AFDB Annual Meeting in Brazzaville in May 1985. The improvement last year was due to streamlined internal procedures, increased administrative computerisation and the more active role played by AFDB's regional offices in Yaounde, Harare and Nairobi.

Overall loan commitments by the AFDB Group exceeded US\$1bn for the first time in 1985 — rising 31% to US\$1,154 million. The biggest improvement was by the Bank whose lending rose 28% to US\$710 million. Further expansion in AFDB Group lending is forecast for 1986 with commitments increasing 15% to US\$1,325 million. The further reduction of the Bank's lending rate to 8.3% from 8.75% in July 1986 should help to make the Bank's terms attractive to more African countries. Not so long ago the Bank had been lending at 9.55% which meant that only the wealthier African states could afford these terms. Bank officials add that a grace period of up to eight years and repayment over 12 to 20 years makes the terms more attractive.

Some concern has been expressed about the ability of the Bank's African members to subscribe towards a 200% capital increase during a period of economic crisis. However, Bank officials point out that only 6.25% of the capital increase will be paid up and the Bank's 50 regional members would only be required to subscribe US\$512 million over 10 years.

Concern has also been expressed, in view of Africa's debt crisis, over the capacity of African countries to absorb more debt, except that on the most concessional terms.

Finally there is some concern about the Bank's ability to manage such a rapid expansion in its activities while maintaining its high standards.

However, AFDB President BABACAR N'DIAYE is confident he can strengthen the Bank's management and professional expertise and through productive lending promote economic recovery in Africa through renewed growth.

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Now for a Big Spree in the Land of the Rising Yen

By Hiroko Yamane

WASHINGTON — When **By James G. Abourezk** Lebanese villagers are routed

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Baker Plan: A Start, but Only a Start

A timely reminder that the debt of Africa is "the forgotten debt" comes from John Cavanagh and Fantu

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LANTA — Hypnotism gained [on Oct. 1] as a preserver of marriages, as well as a moral cure of little-tested possibilities. Professor H.W. Martin, of Emory University, announced to the world that had succeeded in curing a wanton-
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OPINION

In the Rush to Crack Down On Drugs, a Dangerous Bill

By Anthony Lewis

BOSTON—The spectacle of the past month in Washington has been the gaudy rush of politicians to the drug issue. Democrats in the House of Representatives, led by President Reagan's supporters in the crusade against drugs, have been a reassuring surprise to find the Senate trying to act responsibly on the issue. Senators of both parties have worked to limit political hysteria and produce a bill that would not hurt civil liberties and not actually impose drug law enforcement. It remains to be seen whether the bill, approved Tuesday in a 97-2 vote, will prove successful.

The idea of minimum jail sentences for drug dealers buckled in New York.

Public concern about drugs, whipped up by politicians and the press, provided an excuse to target the Supreme Court and the Constitution again this year. One section of the House bill would cut back the rule, laid down by the court more than 70 years ago, that illegally seized evidence must be excluded at trials. The provision would apply in all criminal cases, not just drug trials. The House called for the use of armed forces in enforcing drug laws, a huge breach of the line between military and civilian affairs. And the bill imposed the death penalty for certain drug offenses. In the Senate, moderate Republicans joined many Democrats in opposing such provisions. Daniel Evans, Republican of Washington, warned against "a schizophrenic election stampede that will trample our Constitution and will not effectively get at the drug problem."

Senate leaders, recognizing that they could not get a bill past a filibuster if it offended the Constitution, agreed to a bipartisan test.

But there is still a question of effectiveness about a major section of the legislation, which now must be sorted out by conferees from the two houses.

That is a set of provisions increasing the punishment for drug offenses and imposing mandatory minimum sentences. The House bill, for example, provides that anyone convicted of selling 100 grams or more of "crack" cocaine containing a detectable amount of cocaine base ("crack") shall be sentenced to a minimum of 10 years in prison—with no possibility of probation and no suspended sentences. The Senate bill also includes minimum sentences.

The doubt overhauling the idea of fixed minimums is the failure of the Rockefeller drug law in New York state. That was the legislation, proposed by the late Governor Nelson Rockefeller and enacted in 1973, that sought to get tough on drugs by sending sellers and users to prison for long terms.

A distinguished committee in New York evaluated the Rockefeller law. Its report, published in 1977, found that the law had not reduced the use of drugs or the level of crime associated with drugs. The rigidities of the law had worked against making it an effective deterrent.

The Rockefeller law produced plea bargaining. A person charged with any drug offense was forbidden to plead guilty to a lesser offense. The result was more trials, more expense—and no tougher dispositions on average. Juries were reluctant to convict, and prosecutors to prosecute, in cases where the penalties seemed much too high.

Members of the House and Senate, familiar with the Rockefeller experience, have not banned plea bargaining in the pending drug bills. But could accused persons in fact escape the new minimum sentences by pleading guilty to lesser offenses? That is doubtful. It depends on decisions to be made by the Federal Sentencing Commission, which is charged by Congress with proposing uniform sentencing structures by April.

The larger doubt is whether the criminal law can have the United States' profound drug problem. The New York committee said in 1977 that drug use "is inextricably deeply rooted in broad social malaises." It referred to "broken families, unemployment, poor housing and the loss of hope."

"It is implausible," the committee added, "that social problems as basic as these can be effectively solved by the criminal law." After years of increasing drug use and decreasing federal efforts to deal with the social problems, it is even less plausible.

The New York Times.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

UNESCO Crisis: Blame the Lieberg, Not the Skipper

Regarding "To Salvage UNESCO, Change the Skipper" (Oct. 1).

If UNESCO needs salvaging, a hypothesis with which the organization's member states may well disagree, it might be more accurate to blame the Lieberg rather than the Skipper. That is, of course, the crisis facing the entire United Nations system, which only began with the United States' withdrawal from UNESCO.

It is useful to recall that the United States and later Britain, withdrew from UNESCO explicitly over political disagreements with its activities. Mr. McIlwain was elected director-general in 1974 and re-elected unanimously and by secret ballot in 1980, with the support of the two countries that departed in 1984 and 1985. Have UNESCO's member states, including the United States and Britain for most of the period, been blind these last 12 years?

The present executive board session is coming to conclusions that directly contradict Julian Beckett's member portrayal of morale in the UNESCO house. Pointing to the fact that Mr. McIlwain has reduced UNESCO staffing by 800 posts, with only two separations and four cases of resignation still under review, UNESCO's administrative oversight body explicitly praised "the harmonious

and humane" methods employed. Now faced with its own crisis, the United Nations has recognized the efficacy of UNESCO's measures by sending an expert mission to learn how they were developed and applied.

What is at stake at UNESCO is not in education, science, culture and communication, where points of view divide, East and West, North and South, and often within geopolitical entities. It is a simplification of the past and the present to place the tensions that divide our planet onto the personality of one individual. Four out of six director-general candidates for re-election because of fundamental policy disagreements between member states. The debates nonetheless have continued unabated for almost 40 years. These questions will not go away, regardless of who occupies the position of director-general of UNESCO. The substantive issues deserve to be the focus of calm, rational debate about UNESCO and the UN system.

Since Mr. Beckett retired in 1976, UNESCO, the UN system and the world have changed. One hopes that he confronts these changes in his book.

Strange to note, the more UNESCO makes concrete steps to solve the political and administrative problems facing it, the more certain quarters seem to wallow in despair over its future.

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Ethnic Tyranny in Guyana

While your editorials and columnists tend to favor sanctions against South Africa, you tend to forget that South Africa is not the only country with a racist minority government. In racially polarized Guyana, the minority blacks (less than a third of the population) rule over the majority East Indians (more than half of the population), denying them fundamental human rights, including the right to freely elect a government of their choice. Why not call for sanctions against Guyana?

While deploring South Africa's use of terror, what is one to think about Guyana's army kicking down people's doors, raping, torturing and killing innocent people not even engaged in politics? One must, one vote in South Africa—but why not the same demand for Guyana?

R. VISINTI,
New York.

The Baboons' Leaky Shield, Or, Some Defense Initiative!

By Alan Neidale

WASHINGTON—Deep in the jungle a troop of baboons engaged in a most unusual project. They were constructing a large net that would extend over the top of a nearby tree—a rocky clearing in the forest. The baboons had been inspired by their leader, who had shared with them a dream. He had told them that baboons—fathers, mothers and babies—should all be free from the threat of attack from leopards. "We are capable of great achievements. We are the smartest and most talented animals in the forest."

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Accepting the challenge, a particularly brainy baboon had been appointed the czar of the project. The czar had supervised months of research into all possible ways to construct nets over the baboons' homes. He and his associates had woven nets from reeds, but these were so dense that they would have condemned the baboons to live in darkness. Then they built a net of thin vines, but when the strands dried they became brittle and broke.

The project czar would not accept defeat, and eventually he discovered an entirely new technology. He found that there was one type of spider web that consisted of unusually strong strands. When these were braided together they formed a tough and flexible fiber.

The great construction effort then proceeded rapidly, and a large white canopy soon extended over the rocky home of the baboons.

It was time to test the structure. Several courageous baboons volunteered to leap from a nearby tree to see whether the net would hold. But the baboon czar saw immediately that none of those candidates was suitable. They were all lean, athletic and young. None was as heavy as a full-grown leopard. And so the czar surveyed the troop and found an older male baboon, once a famous warrior, who had grown obese. But he was still a staunch patriot and was easily persuaded to make the dangerous leap into the net of uncertain strength.

The baboon leader was pleased that the net would be tested, and the czar felt relieved that praise for his efforts would now be justified. After all, not everyone would have been so clever as to calculate that the baboon who jumped into the

net must weigh as much as a leopard. On the day of the test the leader and the other baboons waited to observe. The old obese baboon hauled himself to the top of the nearby tree. The baboons of the troop watched in silence.

The old baboon leaped into space. He landed in the middle of the net. The net sagged—but it held.

The baboons cheered wildly, and the leader expressed his great skills of oratory to praise the dedication and skill of the project czar and his team. The leader had never doubted that baboons were capable of great feats of creativity.

Thereafter the baboons spent most of their time under the shield. They came to have complete confidence in it. Soon a profound change occurred in baboon life. The troop abandoned the requirement of sentry duty and all the other rigors of providing for their defense.

One day many months later a couple of leopards climbed into the tree that overlooked the home of the baboons. When they saw the large webbed canopy below them they were puzzled, never having seen anything like it before. But after a few minutes one of the leopards said, "Even if we can't see them, I know there are a lot of baboons down there."

"What have you seen in days," asked the other leopard. "Let's jump through that thing and get a good meal."

The two leopards then leaped out of the tree and scanned toward the net. They landed together and the net collapsed. Underneath, the baboons were completely unimpaired. Half a dozen were torn to pieces within minutes. The slaughter was terrible.

The baboons who escaped, including the leader, were very angry. A court of inquiry was organized, and the baboon czar was placed on trial.

In his defense he simply said, "No-body can think of everything."

The writer, a former U.S. State Department official and arms control negotiator, is a member of the Washington-based Committee for National Security. He contributed this to Los Angeles Times.

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CENTENNIAL
Our First One Hundred Years

By Bob McCabe

The news that day was contemporary. Fresh concern about the Russian presence in Afghanistan, for instance; reassurance on the Hungarian economy; a new threat to a U.S. president's security; a terrorist on trial for his life. Timely as those reports sound today, they appeared 99 years ago, on Oct. 2, 1887, and they were part of the first Page One of the first edition of the brand-new European Edition of the New York Herald Tribune.

A year from now, that newborn will mark its 100th anniversary. The name has changed a bit down the years, first to the European Edition of the New York Herald Tribune and finally, in 1967, to its present title, when the Washington Post and the New York Times joined Whitney Communications Company in the ownership of this enterprise. But though the name changed, the commitment never varied. Then as now, the Trib stands as a witness to its times.

There is a pleasing rightness to the number 100, marking as it does a nicely rounded accomplishment that only a few other newspapers have matched. But in this already steep group, we would like to think that the Trib stands out. International now by name and for all its years by vocation, this newspaper has emphasized world news ever since its founding by James Gordon Bennett Jr., an enterprising American publisher whose New York Herald built its high reputation throughout the 19th century on its superb coverage of foreign affairs.

There have been some amazing moments along the way. In these last two decades alone, IHT readers have been stunned by stories like the landing on the Moon, the tragedy of Iran, the resignation of President Nixon and the disaster at Chernobyl. Further back, there was the death of Queen Victoria, the long agony of World War I and Lindbergh's sensational 1927 flight from New York to Paris.

In the year-long celebration of its Centennial, the IHT will keep its proper journalistic role front and center. It will continue to

inform, educate and provoke. (And to amuse as well. We have not forgotten that on the first Page One, so long ago, there was a brief news item noting an onion-blight in New England. Said the headline: But Beans are Plentiful!)

We are also determined that the Centennial year will be a time to look not only to the past but to the future. To this end, the IHT is organizing two innovative Centennial conferences, the first in Paris and the second in Singapore. At these, top-ranking government officials, along with leading academic and business figures, will examine the fundamental forces in international life that will shape the coming decades. Conference attendees will come principally from the rising generation that will be leading our world in the year 2000. Advising and participating in these meetings will be those firms that have joined us as corporate sponsors of the Centennial. Among them: Citicorp, Citicredit, Aeroguard, Swiss Bank Corp., Nomura Securities, Air France, Montres Ebel, MasterCard International, Inc., Volkswagen A.G., American Telephone & Telegraph, Inc. and Sedgwick Group PLC.

On the editorial side, a brace of projects is scheduled. One is a Centennial color magazine, called "Our Century, Our World," in which we will take a fresh and provocative look at the history of the past ten decades. Leading scholars, statesmen and journalists will contribute. Later, there'll be a special edition of the Trib itself, including a lively history of the newspaper.

There will be a trio of books as well. First to appear will be "The Belle Epoch: Paris Herald," made up of material from the Trib archives, with text by the IHT's Hebe Donay. A scholarly history of the Trib's 100 years will follow. And we will also publish a Centennial picture book, including important news stories and photographs published in our columns.

To emphasize the Trib's long and cordial relationship with France, the IHT will lead a fund drive for the presentation to the people of France of a full-sized replica of the flame of the torch held high by the just-renovated Statue of Liberty in New York Harbor. French officials have promised a warm welcome for the monument at a prominent location in Paris. The drive begins this week with a reception at the U.S. ambassador's residence in Paris.

There will be other high points as the year rolls on. An elephant polo match in England, for instance, and a classic car rally in West Germany. Special gatherings also are planned in Paris and the United States. The IHT Centennial scholarship will be funded for graduate study at INSEAD (the European Institute of Business Administration), open to candidates from around the world. There'll be a quiz for readers, with prizes for winners. And at the conclusion of the year, there'll be a gala ball. Well, the Paris Open which itself was only 12 years old when our first editions appeared on the streets of this city.

Finally, to keep readers up-to-date on the progress of the celebration and on the Trib as well, there will be regular reports, like this initial column. Some of these reports, of course, will be about our readers. So let us hear from you.

One area we may have ignored a bit over the years is poetry. Thus it might be fitting to end this first column with a Centennial-oriented warning from the U.S. poet and jurist Oliver Wendell Holmes:

"Have you heard of the wonderful one-hoss shay that was built in such a logical way. It ran a hundred years to the day?" Logically or not, we and the Trib are confident we'll outlive it. We think it's a probable truth that, as paraphrased by Wilson Mizner once said, "The first hundred years are the hardest." True? We plan to see.

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Seoul Opposition Sees Ploy By Chun to Hold On to Power



Kim Dae Jung

By Sam Jameson
Los Angeles Times Service

SEOUL — Kim Dae Jung, the opposition candidate in South Korea's last free and open presidential election in 1971, said he believes that President Chun Doo Hwan intends to pull the strings of power for the leader who succeeds him in 1988.

In a recent interview, Mr. Kim said that Mr. Chun intends to amend the constitution to provide for a cabinet system of government—in which a prime minister selected by the unicameral legislature holds real power—because Mr. Chun needs that form of government to retain power.

Although Mr. Kim offered no evidence to support his charges, high-ranking Western diplomat, who asked not to be identified by name, agreed with the often-jailed opposition leader. The diplomat said that he, too, thinks Mr. Chun intends to retain power after leaving the presidency at the end of his single seven-year term, as the present constitution requires.

Mr. Kim, 62, who is free but deprived of his civil rights under a suspended 20-year jail sentence for sedition, condemned Mr. Chun for refusing to meet him and Kim Young Sam, the two men who control the opposition New Korea Democratic Party.

If there is no meeting with Mr. Chun, "the political situation will grow tense," Mr. Kim said. "There is a large possibility that Chun will take stern measures against us. But he will not succeed. The people will not tolerate dictatorship any more."

He said that Mr. Chun could control a prime minister at the head of such a government by two means.

First, Mr. Chun will retain his post as president of the ruling Democratic Justice Party, and that will enable him "to appoint the candidate for prime minister," Mr. Kim said.

Second, as the immediate past president, Mr. Chun will become chairman of the advisory committee to the president or to the prime minister. That is now a largely ceremonial group composed of former heads of government and chiefs of state, but Mr. Chun, according to Mr. Kim, plans to increase its power.

"With these two posts, he could pull the strings that control the new leader," Mr. Kim said.

Mr. Kim charged that Mr. Chun had been following a strategy of deception to suppress manifestations of Koreans' desire for reform. First, he said, Mr. Chun persuaded the opposition party to stop its reform rallies throughout the country in favor of joining a constitutional reform committee in the National Assembly. Now, he said, Mr. Chun intends to stall the committee's deliberations until the end of the year.

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New Iranian recruits assemble in Tehran before moving up to the front in the war with Iraq.

Morale of Iraqi Forces Appears Good; Soldiers at Front Are Clean, Well Fed

By Charles Mohr

New York Times Service

BAHAGHDAD — Presumably they complain, or else they would be among the few soldiers in history not to exercise that right. But even after six years of war, the morale of Iraq's soldiers appears to be reasonably good.

Most foreign military attaches here hold this view to some extent. Any such assessment, however, needs the qualification that Iraqi society is almost impervious to foreigners.

But certain observations can be made. They might seem superficial to civilians, but military officers anywhere in the world take these seriously. For one thing, the troops are clean.

A group of senior officers seemed indignant when asked if the soldiers were required to shave every day. "Of course they must shave and wash every day, and they must keep their uniforms clean," said a general.

A visit to the front-line 8th Infantry Division on the southern front with Iraq confirmed the claim that this is not a slovenly or battle-hardened force.

Moreover, the Iraqi command seems to have an enlightened personnel policy. Soldiers in the large army, perhaps 700,000 men, are given one week of leave with their families for every three weeks on duty. Where it is possible, soldiers use telephone home.

"In matters of man management the Iraqis are quite good," said a Western military analyst. Training, the glue of any army, also seems to be taken seriously.

A conscript or volunteer is given 14 weeks of basic, "individual" training and gets a substantial dose of unit training in special schools, courses and field exercises. This does not mean that everything is rosy.

"The Iraqi Army is not bad," said a Western expert, "but it does seem at least to have some trouble with combined arms operations; in which air support, armor and infantry must work smoothly together. That takes practice in repeated training and it's hard to do while fighting this war."

Protection for the soldiers is not slighted. On a visit to the front, it could be seen that each soldier's equipment was used to create a high protective embankment into which had been built infantry bunkers and firing positions.

During the visit, only a few Iraqi artillery shells were fired, as well as about a dozen sniper shots. One of the shells made a direct hit on a front-line bunker. The man in the firing chamber was unharmed. A man in a sleeping room was wounded by fragments from flying shrapnel.

The troops seemed to be well fed with soup, fat bread and plentiful amounts of fruit for breakfast and lunch and lamb or other meat at midday and supper.

Living Abroad

U.S. Tax-Overhaul Bill: First the Hoopla — Now for the Hard Part

By Sherry Buchanan

International Herald Tribune

LONDON — Americans living abroad face some surprises in the tax-reform bill passed by Congress last week and effective for the 1987 tax year once it is signed by President Ronald Reagan.

"One thing the reform hasn't done is simplify anything," said Gerald J. Zakarewski, a partner with Price Waterhouse in London. Two main features of the bill are a reduction in the tax rate — the individual maximum falls from 50 percent now to 38.5 percent in 1987 and to 28 percent in 1988 — and a decrease in tax breaks. Both provisions affect Americans living abroad; unlike citizens of other major industrialized countries they are taxed on their worldwide income.

Expatriates will also be affected by the new law's reduction of the foreign earned-income exclusion from \$80,000 to \$70,000.

How those Americans are affected will depend on whether they are tax-exempt, as are 90 percent of Americans working for U.S. companies abroad, according to international accountants firms.

Under tax equalization, employees pay a fixed amount to their companies based on what their U.S. tax rates would be if they were still working in America. The company pays the actual U.S. and foreign taxes, which may be higher or lower than the amount the employee paid — in the name of equalizing taxes for all employees of a multinational.

In general, expatriates on tax equalization will benefit from the reduction in tax rates and the increase in exemption amounts, said Jack Anderson, a partner with H&B-Arthur Young International in Paris. "However, they will tend to suffer as a result of the limitations on individual retirement accounts and 401(k) plans — deductions — deferred salary payments — and the limitation on passive-loss deductions."

The new law will result in three main costs for the individual who is not tax equalized and for the company whose employees are tax equalized:

Because of the reduction in the earned-income exclusion from \$80,000 to \$70,000, an American earning more than that in a low-tax country will be paying higher U.S. taxes.

The alternative minimum tax, which is aimed at tax shelters, may apply. Under the new law, overseas taxpayers can no longer deduct 90 percent of their alternative tax liability with foreign tax credits.

Expatriates who have been paying 10 percent of the alternative tax in the future," Mr. Anderson said. The foreign tax credit is the amount of foreign tax that can be used against U.S. tax liability.

This is a major effect," said Walter A. Meisenkötter, a partner with Arthur Andersen & Co. in London. "Whether consciously or accidentally, the new law goes beyond the original intent and will tax people not using any tax shelter."

Mr. Meisenkötter expected a significant increase in clients who will have to pay the alternative minimum tax. So did Elizabeth A. Nicholson, a partner with Deloitte, Haskins & Sells in London, who forecast that the increase would be 50 percent.

Moving and storage expenses, under the new law, will be limited to gross income. Price Waterhouse believed the change would increase expatriates' tax liability. Other international accountants believed it would have more of a psychological effect on Americans going overseas for the first time than a real tax cost.

"Many clients don't realize," said Richard W. Wilson, managing director with PricewaterhouseCoopers in London, "that the new rule, they lose the storage deduction."

The new requirement may not affect expatriates that much," said Mr. Anderson. "Under the old rule, most expatriates got no benefits from a moving deduction anyway because it was usually scaled down."

"Scale down" is the Internal Revenue Service's way of eliminating a double deduction — an expatriate cannot take the deduction because the money involved generated the earned-income exclusion. Other changes, as listed by international accountants:

Passive loss rules, which apply to real estate. This will affect the many expatriates who rent their homes in the United States while they are on a foreign assignment. Price Waterhouse in London estimated that the change in passive loss rules would affect 50 to 60 percent of its clients.

Under current rules, the passive loss incurred from depreciation and maintenance costs can be deducted. The new law says that only a taxpayer with an adjusted gross income not exceeding \$100,000 who can prove active participation in the rental will be allowed deduction of up to \$25,000.

"The language in the law indicates that the expatriate will be able to prove active participation even though he is living abroad," Mr. Anderson said. "But expatriates who will be able to benefit from the deduction of losses will have to monitor their properties with extra caution to ensure that they can prove they are actively participating. This can be done by documenting their approval of tenants, leases and such major items as repairs."

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Under the old law, only taxpayers who earned more than the exclusion could contribute to IRAs; otherwise the money involved would be withdrawn off as a double deduction. An exception is made for taxpayers earning less than the exclusion if they have U.S. earned income from business trips that is not subject to the exclusion and is therefore taxable. In that case, taxpayers can contribute up to \$2,000 of the U.S. income to an IRA.

Most international accountants believed that expatriates could continue to invest in IRAs as well as 401(k) plans. But as many people will be going into IRAs and 401(k)s because they are still very tax-effective," Mr. Meisenkötter thought. "The income of these retirement plans is still free of tax."

The minimum allowable contribution to the popular Section 401(k) will be reduced from \$30,000 to \$15,000.

"Most of our clients have a lot of expendable income and want to keep it away," Mr. Wilson explained. "Large amounts of it go into 401(k). It is still a nice benefit you just cannot do as much of it."

This is the first of two articles. The next will look at how U.S. companies overseas are thinking of changing their tax-equalization programs.

Judge in Malaysia Rejects Expelled Reporter's Appeal

KUALA LUMPUR — A Malaysian judge rejected on Wednesday an appeal by an Asian Wall Street Journal reporter against a government order expelling him from the country.

John Berthelsen, 48, said that Acting Chief Justice Dattuk Harun Hassan had ruled that his working permit had been canceled for security reasons and had confirmed that he was to leave the country by midnight Wednesday.

On Friday, the Home Ministry banned sales of The Asian Wall Street Journal in Malaysia for three months and ordered Mr. Berthelsen and his colleague, Raphael Purn, to leave the country within 48 hours. The government later gave Mr. Berthelsen a three-day reprieve.

On Tuesday, Deputy Home Minister Datuk Megat Juid accused the paper of unfair reporting and said it had "sabotaged" the country's economic development.

Prime Minister Mahatir bin Muhammad, during a visit to New York Tuesday, said reports about Malaysia in the foreign press had deliberately given a false impression. He said readers of such reports would not want to visit Malaysia.

"You will think the country is not safe, or even dangerous, and will not want to put your money there," he said.

In response to these comments, Peter Kahn, associate publisher of The Wall Street Journal in New York said: "It begs credibility that The Wall Street Journal should be involved in some sort of campaign to undermine investment in Malaysia or any other country."

"We are a news organization, and all we seek to do is to cover the news fairly and accurately."

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UNESCO Seeks Nominations

PARIS — UNESCO's executive board called on member states Wednesday to recommend a possible successor to the agency's controversial director-general, Amadou Mahtar Mbow, diplomatic sources said.

The 51 nations on the board, the governing body of the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, will consider nominations at its next meeting in May, they said.

It will then recommend a single candidate to UNESCO's general conference, a general meeting of the 158 member states scheduled for late next year in Paris. Diplomats said the nomination process was normal practice and did not rule out Mr. Mbow's staying on after the end of his second term in November next year.

Mr. Mbow, criticized by many Western nations for his handling of the agency, has not said whether he will stand for a third five-year term. United States Secretary of State George Shultz said in a letter to Mr. Mbow in 1984 and 1985, have accused Mr. Mbow, a former Senegalese education minister, of mismanagement and anti-Western bias.

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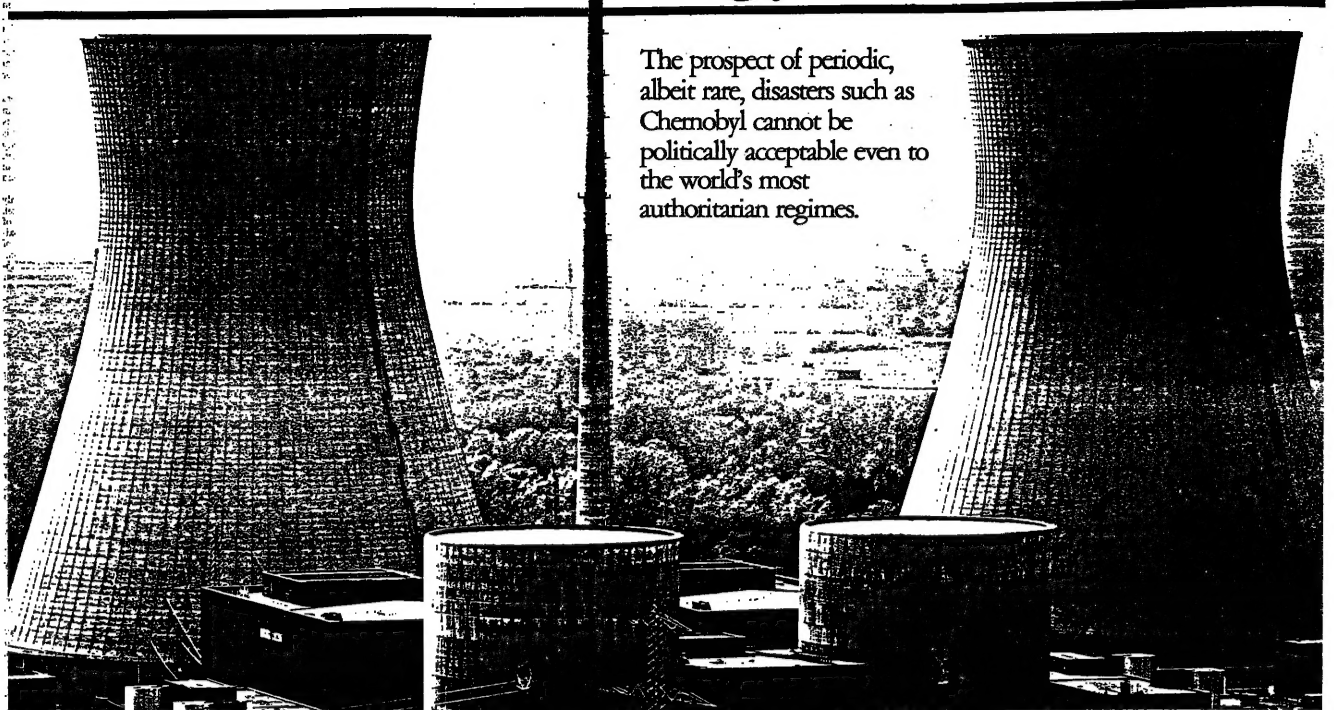
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The prospect of periodic, albeit rare, disasters such as Chernobyl cannot be politically acceptable even to the world's most authoritarian regimes.

The Future After Chernobyl: A New Nuclear Technology?

By L.C. Bupp

CAMBRIDGE, Massachusetts — For 30 years there has been a single point of agreement between advocates and critics of nuclear power: The radioactive material in the core of a nuclear power plant must be contained at all costs. In fact, it is precisely the universal agreement on a literal interpretation of this requirement that has been the principal cause of the huge increases in the average cost of the nuclear power plants built in most countries during the 1970s and 1980s.

Offering the point of basic agreement between nuclear advocates and nuclear critics, however, is profound disagreement on an equally basic point. Many critics of nuclear power have long insisted that accidental releases of large amounts of radioactive material from nuclear power plants are inevitable. Most advocates have contended that, at some cost, they are preventable.

The accident at Chernobyl will be taken by many persons to have decisively settled this

argument. In particular, the accident in the Soviet Union may convince many of the world's political leaders that the nuclear critics were correct. If so, then Chernobyl will mark the end of the first generation of nuclear power reactor technology. The reason is that in the past nearly all of the world's political leaders have accepted the assurances of nuclear advocates that the chances of this type of catastrophe actually happening were effectively, if not absolutely, zero.

The prospect of periodic, albeit rare, disasters such as Chernobyl cannot be politically acceptable even to the world's most authoritarian regimes. Consider the costs of Chernobyl that are already known: The utter destruction of an industrial plant worth many hundreds of millions of dollars; human injury and loss of life at least numbering in the many hundreds and perhaps eventually in the many thousands; hundreds of square miles of property made worthless for any economic or social purpose for many years, or "cleaned up" only at costs of many billions of dollars; potential ill-effects over a much wider area, involving many other countries.

The blunt fact is that the full costs of an accident like Chernobyl — by any rational system of reckoning — could far exceed the resources of any of the world's private commercial institutions and of most of the world's governments. The reality of the Soviet government facing the prospect of virtually abandoning hundreds of square miles of precious agricultural land is very likely to add a critical new dimension to the perception of governments elsewhere on the acceptability of nuclear power.

In the short-term — this year and next — the accident's most obvious effects are likely to occur in the United States, where, the last order for a nuclear plant that has not been subsequently canceled was placed in 1973. The first U.S. victim of the Soviet accident appears to be the Seabrook plant in New Hampshire. Operation of this plant will be considerably, perhaps indefinitely delayed by the process of developing evacuation plans for the 10-mile radius around the plant which includes six towns in the neighboring state of Massachusetts.

Even before Chernobyl there was opposition

to Seabrook's operation from these towns. Now, they have formally refused to participate in the evacuation planning process. This duplicates an impasse which had existed for some time in New York state over evacuation planning for the Shinnecock nuclear plant. The heart of the problem is that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) rules require the full cooperation for issuing operating licenses to nuclear plants. In light of the obvious importance of evacuation at Chernobyl, it will be extremely difficult for the NRC to water down its emergency planning requirements.

Another layer of problems caused by Chernobyl for the U.S. nuclear industry has to do with NRC scrutiny of operator qualifications, operations management, and quality assurance/quality control programs at many nuclear power plant sites. Today, several previously licensed U.S. nuclear plants are either fully shut down or under a thick cloud of suspicion because of questionable operator and/or management competence. The accident at Chernobyl has proven that unlikely combinations of physical events and gross operator errors must be taken very seriously although

the combined level of both at Chernobyl has surprised many. This proof is certain to make U.S. nuclear regulators even more cautious about allowing the operation of plants where there are reasons to believe that either personnel or equipment may be substandard. Unbalanced, it seems quite possible that because of Chernobyl several additional U.S. nuclear plants that are near completion will be canceled and that some previously licensed plants may be permanently shut down.

This last round of bad news for the nuclear industry makes it very likely that the next nuclear plant to start construction in the U.S. will be of a fundamentally new design. Attention in Western Europe and Japan is also shifting to new designs. The world's first generation nuclear power plants have at least two characteristics that increasingly seem very undesirable. First, they are extremely large. Second they require many engineered safety features. Neither of the OPEC's undesirable characteristics is in any way inherent in nuclear power plant generating technology. The first is the result of a business decision made 25 years ago by the reactor manufacturers who be-

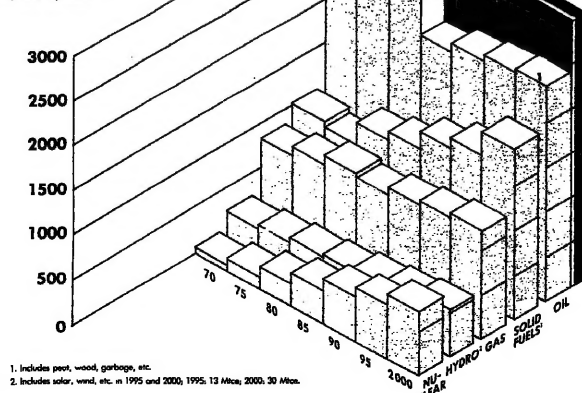
lieved, on then reasonable grounds, that very large plants were a competitive necessity. Today, a better understanding of the economics of nuclear power suggests that, everything else equal, very large plants may have severe economic disadvantages. At the very least there is little evidence that large size confers decisive economic advantage.

Likewise there is no physically inherent reason why reactor designs must totally depend on engineered safety features to prevent catastrophic releases of radioactive material. While all designs entail some risks, several that have been well-known to scientists and technicians for some time have features which make them to a considerable degree inherently safe reactors. Chernobyl is the signal that the time has come for the world's nuclear industry to provide such a product and to abandon technologies that were the supposed answer to yesterday's economic and commercial problems.

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The Energy Outlook: How fuel consumption patterns may change

Note: figures for OECD countries.
Mtc: million metric tons of coal equivalent



1. Includes peat, wood, garbage, etc.
2. Includes solar, wind, etc. in 1995 and 2000, 1995, 12 Mtc; 2000, 30 Mtc.

Source: OECD, IEA/OECD Energy Balance, 1985-217 Country Subsumes

'Good Sweating' in Oil Industry Puts the Burden on the Suppliers

By Joseph Stanislav and Daniel Yergin

CAMBRIDGE, Massachusetts — Now that OPEC has devised a new accord, is the "good sweating" over in the oil market? Last December, the words "market share" were enough to prove that the empire was wasting no clothes — that a \$27 to \$28-a-barrel price had no credibility in the midst of continuing supplies. The subsequent collapse in prices below \$10 a barrel for some cargoes. To consumers, this was a great boon. The oil import bill of the industrial countries in 1985 was \$155 billion, compared to a possible \$80 billion in 1986. Many West European governments reduced the savings to consumers by adding new taxes for instance, the gasoline pump. But in the United States, motorists saw gasoline prices fall to 90 cents a gallon, compared to \$1.20 in 1985 — and in some areas to as low as 60 or 70 cents.

But for the oil industry the collapse was devastating. All participants are suffering from "a good sweating" — the term was first used in the industry by John D. Rockefeller to describe the pressure he would put on his competitors. Only a few companies had prepared themselves in advance for the 1986 sweating. Since the price fall, company budgets have been cut and then cut again. Exploration has stopped in many places, especially in North America. Development has been slowed throughout the industry. The confidence required to make long-term commitments has been in strikingly short supply. The only part of the industry doing well has been refining. The West European refining industry, long-suffering, has become very profitable in 1986 — the one bright spot in the generally deplorable company results.

Revenues of the oil producers plummeted. Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries' 1985 earnings were about \$129 billion. If the price levels of the first half of 1986 continued for the rest of the year, OPEC's revenues this year would be only \$80 billion to

\$85 billion — creating tremendous economic and political problems for the countries so dependent on oil revenues.

But OPEC is hardly alone. Several other countries — from Mexico to Norway to Malaysia — have been to varying degrees similarly affected.

This points to one of the central forces of the

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world oil market — the degree to which OPEC no longer aptly describes the world of oil exporters and producers. OPEC's crude oil, as a share of total free world consumption, declined from 60 percent in 1979 to 35 percent in 1985. OPEC's "declaration of market share" was a clear statement that the OPEC countries — and in particular Saudi Arabia — are not willing to bear the burden alone for holding oil prices up for everybody else.

By this summer, a paralyzing pessimism had gripped the oil industry worldwide. At that point, OPEC surprised almost everybody — including many OPEC countries — by forging its new "stop gap" agreement. At its heart, it represents a truce between Iran and Saudi Arabia. The other OPEC countries have gone along because they have little to lose and a great deal to gain — perhaps a 50 to 100 percent increase in revenues.

In a major new departure, several non-OPEC exporters seem to have subscribed as well — and for the same reason. These nations

have little to lose and a great deal to gain. Even the Soviet Union, which has normally sought to distance itself from OPEC, has indicated that it will cut back its exports to the West by 100,000 barrels per day. Although the question remains from what level it is cutting back.

OPEC now does have a chance to obtain the kind of market share it wants — not the 20 million barrels per day that was discussed last winter, but 17.5 million to 18 million barrels. The good sweating has changed some of the dynamics of the oil market. Non-OPEC production looks to be 20 million barrels per day in 1986, compared to the level of 28.4 million barrels per day that had been projected before December 1985. Demand, instead of being flat in 1986, looks to be up 0.8 to 1.0 million barrels per day. And competition among fuels has intensified, particularly between oil and gas worldwide.

But what happens when the accord expires? The next critical point is next week, when OPEC meets to try to turn the temporary agreement into a more lasting one. It looks to be a complex effort, for it will involve such difficult matters as working out seasonal quotas. Moreover, there remains a large overhang of inventories, which are a competitive alternative to OPEC oil. Finally, there is the question of numbers. Some 20 countries have now subscribed in one degree or another to the "stop gap" agreement. Even though the "good sweating" is not going to be quickly forgotten, some, inevitably, will find it hard to resist the temptation to go for just a little more.

Volatility of prices, rather than stability, still looks to be the norm, given the current conditions in the world market.

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Gas Market Holds, Projects Proceed Despite Price Drop

Although oil and gas prices are inevitably linked, the gas market is more stable by nature.

By Patrick Crow

WASHINGTON—The disparity in world oil prices has deepened, but not dented, the international gas market.

A surplus of deliverable gas and the sharp decline of world oil prices have had an impact on the world gas market. It continues to be a buyers' market, but not to the extent that field operators have shelved plans for future gas projects, which is virtually the case with oil.

Although prices of the two fuels are inevitably linked, the gas market is more stable by nature. Crude is shipped and swapped fluidly throughout the world, and its price has been increasingly determined by the spot market. Gas is sold under long-term contracts that provide stability of volumes and prices and are designed to enable the construction of pipelines or liquefied natural gas facilities to connect the field and the consumer.

Major gas consumers and utilities have been pressing, in both Europe and North America, to reduce the prices in old contracts.

For instance, Gaf of France is attempting to renegotiate all of its gas import contracts this year. It already has saved about two billion francs (about \$303,000,000) a year by renegotiating Soviet and Dutch contracts.

And it has reached an interim agreement with Sonatrach to alter Algeria gas prices to the Soviet/Dutch index. When oil prices were rising in the early 1980s, Algeria was one of the first countries to link gas with crude prices.

Gaf of France is Alitalia's biggest liquefied natural gas customer, and the interim agreement is the basis for similar temporary pricing arrangements with Belgium, Spain and Italy.

Although gas prices may be lower in the near future, companies are continuing with plans to develop gas reserves throughout the world. Crude oil prices are expected to rebound by the

mid-1990s, about the time most of the currently planned gas projects would come on stream. And gas pipeline networks in Europe and North America will need to replace present, over-dimensioning supply sources.

The prominent example of the strong and stable long-term nature of the gas market is Norway's recent \$64-billion contract to sell gas from the Troll and Sloppen fields in the North Sea.

The price assumes that oil will be selling for \$28 per barrel when the gas is delivered, since the price of the gas is pegged to the market price of oil products at that time.

The sale will require a \$7.7-billion construction program to develop the fields and build 690 miles (1,122 kilometers) of large-diameter pipelines, including a 514-mile undersea connection to a new terminal at Zeebrugge, Belgium.

The gas will be sold to a European gas consortium, led by Ruhrgas AG of West Germany, which will take 15.88 billion cubic feet (450 billion cubic meters) in all. Deliveries are to begin in 1993 at 387 million cubic feet per day and to increase to 1.9 billion by the year 2000.

The sale will make Norway dominant in the supply of gas to Europe. It already is exporting its entire daily production of 2.5 billion cubic feet to Britain, from the Frigg field, and to the continent, from Statfjord and Ekofisk fields.

Currently, Norway is Europe's second largest gas supplier, behind Holland with 3.5 billion cubic feet per day and ahead of the Soviet Union at 2 billion and Algeria at 1.8 billion cubic feet per day.

The sale may make it difficult for the Soviet Union to expand its sales, as projected, to about 3.8 billion cubic feet per day in the 1990s and up to 5.3 billion by 2000.

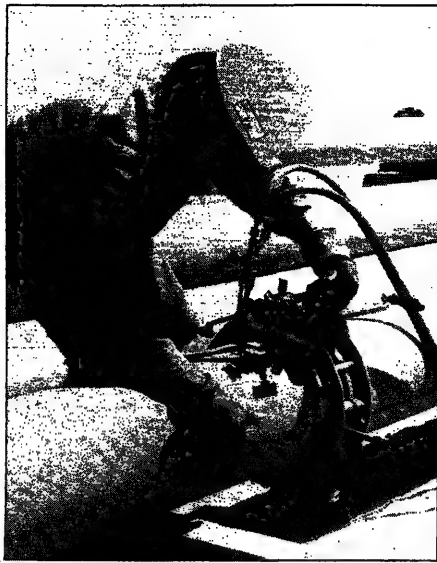
Another producer, Indonesia, is undamned by the slip in crude prices. Its gas production and exports, all in the form of liquefied natural gas, have increased steadily and should continue to expand over the next few years.

Production in 1985 rose by 1.5 percent to 1.58 billion cubic feet, and is expected to rise to 1.7 billion in 1986, and is targeted in 1987 — Arun in northwest Sumatra and Bada in East Kalimantan.

The state oil company, Pertamina, and units of Esso and Conoco are studying the feasibility of transporting some of the 40 billion cubic feet of reserves they have discovered off Natuna Island through a 550-mile pipeline to the Sumatran mainland.

Gas projects would be used to displace up to 40,000 barrels daily of crude that would be needed for the world's largest steam injection project, at Dux field. The project is designed to reverse a production decline at the 45-year-old field.

Gas projects are continuing in other smaller producing countries, eager to develop under-



Worker adjusts valves on gas pipeline in Algeria.

used gas resources to power electric systems and industrial plants.

Nigeria, for instance, continues to press for completion of a fertilizer plant near Port Harcourt. The project has outlasted four governments, two coups, two boards of directors, local resistance and financing delays in the past 10 years.

It will use Nigerian gas feedstocks to produce on a daily basis up to 1,000 metric tons (1,100 short tons) of ammonia, 1,500 metric tons of urea, and 1,000 metric tons of mixed fertilizers.

A recent International Energy Agency report, largely written before oil prices slumped, characterized natural gas as being at a crossroads.

The report said although there is no shortage of gas in the foreseeable future, falling oil prices will reduce gas supplies and will hasten restoration of a balance of gas supply and demand.

It says despite the current world gas surplus, new fields must be developed to meet declining production from existing fields and satisfy future increases in demand. But the IEA report notes that exploration

and development requires long lead times, especially for offshore projects, and that the current investment climate will help shape the gas market in the 1990s.

The report projects that within the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development countries the gas share of total primary energy requirements will fall from 18.5 percent in 1983 to 17 percent by the year 2000.

Most of that decline will result from less electric consumption, which will rely on gas for 6 percent of its generating energy, versus 9.2 percent in 1983.

IEA predicts gas use will fall slightly in the industrial sector, from 24.6 percent in 1983, but increase in the residential/commercial sector from 32.8 percent in 1983 to 33-34 percent by 2000.

Gas is now 15 percent of the total primary energy requirements in Europe and that will remain unchanged, but declining industrial use will cut the share in the United States by three percentage points to 21 percent.

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Why the Oil Threat Has Lost Its Punch

By Bart Collins

LONDON—The dramatic fall in world crude oil prices from the beginning of last December to the end of July has smashed firmly set economic assumptions of the world primary energy resource industries. The scale and sharpness of the fall—from \$28 a barrel in December to \$8.30 a barrel in July—and their impact have still not been fully absorbed by the energy world, particularly major oil companies.

After 13 years of oil and energy price domination by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, the world was seemingly about to usher in a new era of low-priced energy. Oil would resume its former pre-eminence on the world energy scene. This cannot happen.

When the OPEC states took equity control of oil and gas reserves within their borders in October 1973 they also seized the right to set world oil prices. Within three months prices quadrupled. In 1973 oil consumption within Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) countries was running at 39.7 million barrels a day.

Loosely there was a perception within OECD nations, the oil importing states, that dependence on oil should be cut. Plans were evolved to boost the role of natural gas, coal and nuclear power. There were also efforts to encourage energy conservation and co-generation.

The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development oil market in 1973 was ruled by the heavy fuel oil trade. In Europe, for instance, heavy fuel oil from the "bottom of the barrel" accounted for 50 percent of primary energy needs. Electricity generation, glass, steel, cement and brick manufacture consumed millions of tons of low-cost fuel oil every year.

It was this sector of the OECD that suffered most after 1973. This vulnerability was accentuated in 1979 when crude oil reached a record high price of \$40 a barrel.

By 1979 OECD oil usage had reached an all time high of nearly 41 million barrels a day despite the persistent increase in oil prices of the previous six years. From that time OECD governments began to seek oil alternatives and energy conservation in earnest. Nuclear power, natural gas, steam coal and energy conservation began to play more prominent roles in the energy economies of industrial nations.

By the end of 1985 OECD oil demand had fallen back to 33.6 million barrels a day. It is this decline in demand coupled with increased oil availability within OECD countries that has deflated OPEC.

OECD usage of energy resources alternative to oil has had another grave impact. The heavy fuel oil market within the world's industrial sector has virtually disappeared. It is estimated that between 1973 and 1984 demand for heavy fuel oil fell by 50 percent, equivalent to 3.5 million barrels a day.

Over the same period there was a huge

increase in the OECD energy contribution in equal amounts from nuclear power and steam coal, equivalent to 7.5 million barrels of oil a day. Coal and nuclear power have made heavy inroads into the heavy fuel oil market for electricity generation. It is estimated that coal and nuclear use for power stations accounts for about a third of the lost fuel oil market.

Electricity itself, copiously available from new nuclear-powered plants, especially in France, has also robbed heavy fuel oil of its OECD energy market share. The assessment is that coal, nuclear power and nuclear electricity account for half the lost OECD fuel oil market. The rest is accounted for by competition from natural gas, energy conservation measures and reduced demand caused by recession.

Existing nuclear plants will almost certainly not be affected by future competition from oil. Further, there is likely to be a further loss of fuel oil demand in OECD countries, approximately 3 million barrels a day, because of nuclear electricity plants nearing completion.

Some account must be taken of the Chernobyl Effect in assessing the future role of nuclear power, however. The Soviet nuclear accident has already caused cancellation or postponement on several new nuclear projects in OECD countries. No existing nuclear plants have been closed. None nearing completion have been cancelled. What nuclear power we have is here to stay. It is the starting of new construction that is being deflated.

There is no hope of a new heavy fuel oil market. There is cold comfort for fuel oil when set against the steam coal market. It is estimated that the price of oil would have to be sustained for a long period at price levels well below \$10 a barrel if oil were to regain its electricity generation role from coal.

Since the end of July world crude oil prices have much improved. Brent blend crude is now hovering around \$15 a barrel. Eighty percent up on its end July price, the OECD heavy fuel oil market, is gone.

The impact of energy conservation methods and co-generation systems on OECD industry has been highly successful in curbing energy costs. They have been installed over several years at large cost. It is unthinkable that they will be ripped out because the price of oil has fallen.

There are savings to be made even with low cost energy, particularly since saving systems are already installed.

OPEC pricing activity over more than 10 years has led the industrial world to seek and use energy resources alternative to oil. As a result the world market for heavy fuel oil has been demolished never to return.

Profit policy of major oil companies is now based on transport fuels. This has called for new plans, new plants and new investment. Their markets, like OPEC's, now depend on cars, trucks, railways, ships and aircraft. Oil is to be burned for moving, not for power.

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NYSE Rises in Active Trading

NEW YORK — Prices on the New York Stock Exchange closed higher Wednesday in active trading.

The Dow Jones industrial average, which rose 12.58 Tuesday, closed up 15.32 at 1,782.90.

Advances led declines by a 2-1 ratio. Volume was 144.76 million shares, up from 124.88 million Tuesday.

Prices were higher in moderate trading of American Stock Exchange issues.

Analysts said government data released Wednesday showing that factory orders fell 1.4 percent in August while construction spending rose 1.1 percent showed that U.S. economic growth remains lethargic and that there is little reason to expect higher interest rates.

Monte Carlo, research director at Dreyfus Corp., called the climb "a sign that the market's nerves, which were rubbed raw, are beginning to settle down."

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Harry Vilcek of Sutor & Co. in San Francisco agreed. Mr. Vilcek said the market was likely to encounter selling pressure as the Dow climbs to 1,810 and could "very well move right back down to 1,730."

He said the market could reach new highs but that it would take "a laborious effort."

At 3 P.M. USX was the most active NYSE-listed issue, ahead amid speculation that Carl C. Icahn, the financier, had accumulated more than 5 percent of the company's shares.

Airlines were climbing after UAL said Tues-

day that it was raising its fares by 5 percent in 80 to 90 days from its Chicago hub; increases by other carriers are expected. UAL, the parent of United, and AMR, the parent of American Airlines, were gaining. Pan American was about even.

Niagara Mohawk was losing ground after The Wall Street Journal reported the company might be forced to cut its dividend. Niagara said it had no plans to reduce its dividend.

Among blue chips, AT&T, General Motors and General Electric were showing modest gains.

In the technology group, IBM, Digital Equipment and Hewlett-Packard were ahead. Cray Research and Burroughs (old dividend) were up sharply.

Energy, Chevron, Mobil, Occidental Petroleum, Amerasia Hess and Phillips Petroleum were all gaining.

Pharmaceutical issues, including Merck, Eli Lilly, Upjohn and Squibb were higher.

On the Amex, active issues included Entertainment Market, House Group and Texas Air. Texas Air advanced after the Justice Department said it would not oppose the company's planned acquisition of People Express and its long-range fleet subsidiary.

The Financial Times Index of 30 industrial shares closed at 1,251.7, up 24.7.

High	Low	Open	Close	Change
IBM	114.00	113.00	114.00	+1.00
AT&T	100.00	99.00	100.00	+1.00
General Electric	45.00	44.00	45.00	+1.00
Johnson & Johnson	25.00	24.00	25.00	+1.00
Merck	25.00	24.00	25.00	+1.00
Amgen	25.00	24.00	25.00	+1.00
Boeing	25.00	24.00	25.00	+1.00
Rockwell International	25.00	24.00	25.00	+1.00
Lockheed	25.00	24.00	25.00	+1.00
Northrop	25.00	24.00	25.00	+1.00
Grumman	25.00	24.00	25.00	+1.00
Boeing	25.00	24.00	25.00	+1.00
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General Electric	45.00	44.00	45.00	+1.00
Johnson & Johnson	25.00	24.00	25.00	+1.00
Merck	25.00	24.00	25.00	+1.00
Amgen	25.00	24.00	25.00	+1.00
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BANGKOK — Prime Minister

BANGKOK — Prime Minister Prem Tinsulanonda said Wednesday that strong exports and expansionist policies should increase growth in Thailand's gross domestic product, adjusted for inflation, to between 5 percent and 5.3 percent in the year to Sept. 30, 1986 from an estimated 4.3 percent in 1985-86.

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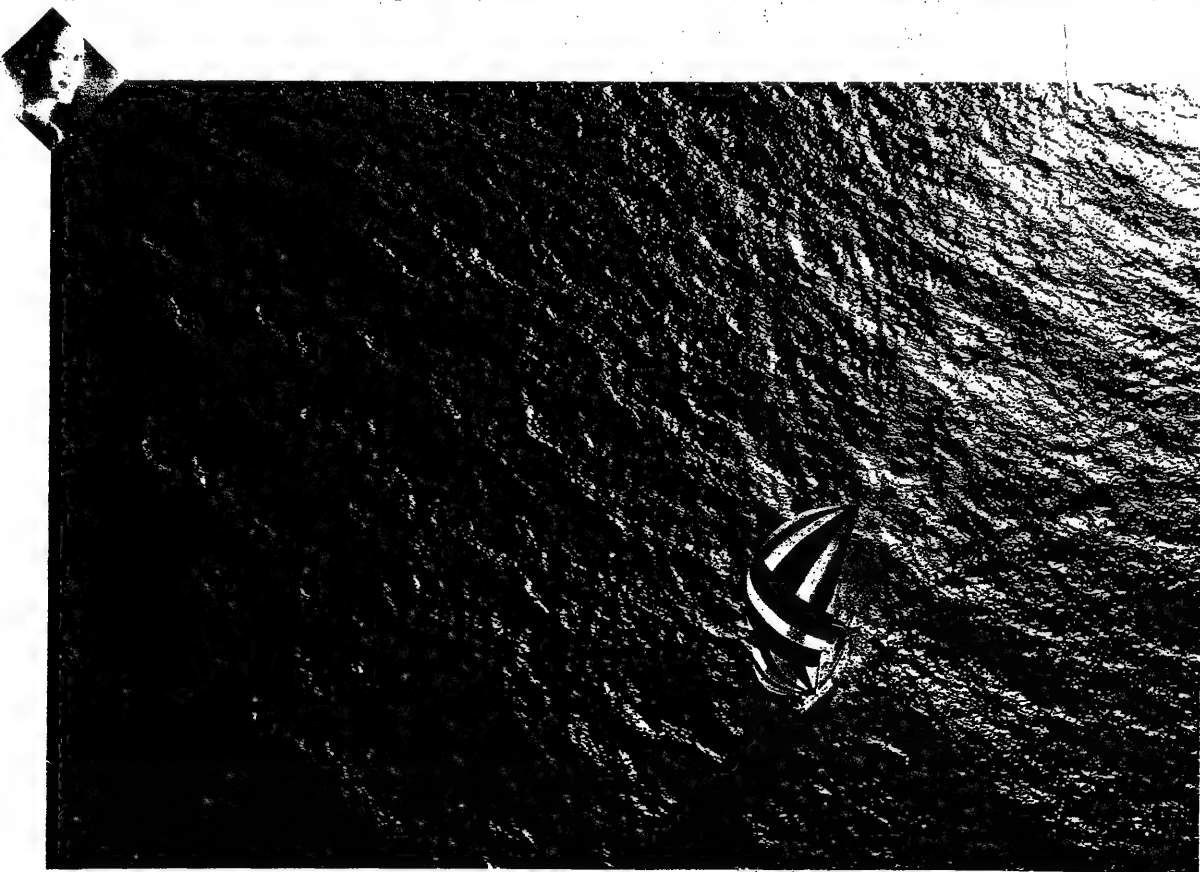
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CURRENCY MARKETS

Dollar Weakens on Baker Comment

London — The dollar weakened in European currency markets Wednesday after the U.S. Treasury secretary, James A. Baker 3d, said there may still be differences among industrial nations about when the dollar needs to fall further.

Although many dealers think the dollar will continue to decline, they are wary of central bank intervention. Concern about that has also influenced their thinking about the British pound.

The dollar was slightly higher in morning trading in London, but slipped after Mr. Baker's comment in Washington at the annual meeting of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.

The dollar closed in London at 2.0775 at Tuesday's close, and at 154.25 yen, almost unchanged from 154.30.

London Dollar Rates

Currency	Unit	Rate
Deutsche mark	100	2.0775
French franc	100	154.25
Japanese yen	100	154.25
Swiss franc	100	1.5425
British pound	100	1.5425

The pound closed at \$1.4460, down slightly from \$1.4473 Tuesday. It was also lower against the Deutsche mark, closing at 2.9276 DM, down from 2.9327.

Although some analysts think the United States wants the dollar to go lower, to make its exports more competitive and help narrow its huge trade deficit, West Germany has signaled that it will try to brake an appreciation of the mark, which damages West German sales overseas.

In central bank, the Bundesbank, has been in the markets since 1.6453.

weak defending the dollar and the pound.

Some dealers think that the United States has stopped trying to talk the dollar down to give West Germany and Japan time to prove that their economies are growing.

Tuesday's figures showing a \$13.3-billion U.S. merchandise trade deficit in August aided the dollar, because it was smaller than expected, dealers said.

Data released Wednesday showing a 1.1-percent increase in construction spending in August and a 1.4-percent drop in factory goods orders did not clarify the direction of the U.S. economy, they said.

In other European trading, the dollar was fixed in Frankfurt at 2.0775 DM, up from 2.0707, and in Paris at 6.6405 French francs, up from 6.6220.

It closed in Zurich at 1.6440 Swiss francs, down slightly from 1.6453.

U.K. to Monitor Pound vs. EMS

Washington — Britain is likely to take advantage of a current lull in exchange rate volatility to assess how the pound would perform as part of the currency grid of the European Monetary System, monetary sources said Wednesday.

Many top European officials attending the annual meetings here of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank have suggested that currencies are now near their true value.

If foreign exchange markets stabilize, the breathing space could enable Britain, which has been faced with sustained pressures on sterling, to monitor its performance against EMS currencies, the sources said.

The number of slaughterhouses has plummeted, too, by 35 percent in a decade. In meatpacking, the number of employees has fallen to 148,500 from 168,000 in 1975. Labor-management relations remain tense as the packers push for wage concessions as a buffer against weak demand.

Despite union resistance — epitomized by the protracted Hormel strike in Austin, Minnesota — labor has taken a beating, with packing wages down to \$8.50 or less an hour in many houses, from about \$10.50.

Steadily, the big meat companies are trying to get on top of their troubles. To two consumers who have more money than time, Excel, a subsidiary of Cargill Inc., and several other packers are experimenting with precooked steaks and

BEEF: U.S. Packers Begin Branding and the Markets Get Designer Steaks

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to lessen beef's caloric and cholesterol content.

Some industry analysts say, however, that the only reason consumers has not fallen further is that beef prices have dipped in the past two years as ranchers rushed to liquidate their herds before they lost even more money. While beef prices raced ahead of inflation in the mid-1970s — bringing about Beef Boycott Day in 1973 — in recent years they have not only trailed inflation, but have declined in absolute terms.

The drop in demand and price has taken a severe toll throughout the industry. Ranchers have slashed cattle herds to 105 million head from 132 million in 1975. Heavy losses have caused tens of thousands of ranchers to abandon cattle raising altogether, devastating rural communities from Texas to North Dakota.

Nor have the cattle themselves escaped the passion for leanness. "We're looking for an animal that is shaped like a barrel without much fat on it — that means it will be very meaty," said Robert Buehler, a cattle buyer for Excel.

Accordingly, ranchers are breeding their Angus or Hereford with the leaner European varieties like Charolais and Limousins.

The industry hopes to win back a variety of consumers: two-car couples with little time or inclination to make pot roasts, calorie-conscious young people and health-conscious older people who worry about cholesterol. Those markets, alert to claims of health and convenience, will not be deterred by the higher prices of new, improved beef, the industry believes.

At the same time, industry officials note, beef has become more competitive in price with chicken and pork. A round roast, neither an expensive nor a cheap cut, costs \$2.40 a pound today in the United States, compared with \$2.38 in 1984. A brisket costs 94 cents a pound, up from 81 cents in 1984. Pork has also gone up in price, to \$2.40 a pound from \$1.86 in 1984.

The beef industry's efforts are welcome news to the supermarket

companies, which are tired of losing trade to restaurants and fast-food outlets. The packers had done little to promote beef or make it more attractive.

"Beef is very important for getting people into the supermarket," said Raymond D. Pearce, vice president for meat merchandising at Safeway Stores, the leading U.S. supermarket chain. "If you're going to run a good ad, you go to have beef in it, which means you go to have a good meat department."

Beef represents 7 percent of store sales, Mr. Pearce said.

The reason the beef industry neglected consumer trends in the past, officials say, is that it was preoccupied with a cost-cutting revolution in production.

In the 1960s, IBP transformed the industry when it opened slaughterhouses in rural towns where the fediots, saving on labor, land costs, taxes and transportation. The plants, which bitterly fought unions, bore little resemblance to the cramped killing beds in Chicago.

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go and Omaha. Rather, they were spreading one-story structures with stainless-steel conveyors that moved 1,100-pound carcasses past the workers.

Because slaughtering and packing were reduced to assembly-line tasks, semiskilled workers could be employed. And the new plants shipped beef to markets not just as carcasses, but in tidy boxes containing five- and ten-pound pieces — thus slashing shipping costs.

The companies that were pushed to adopt the boxed-beef system — IBP, Excel and Monfort — pushed aside most of the plants that long dominated the industry: Armour, Wilson, Cudahy, Morrell. Many of those companies, with antiquated plants and higher labor costs, were forced to give up beef slaughtering altogether.

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MEXICO: Tentative Agreement on Debt Reached With Commercial Banks

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and Barber B. Conable Jr., president of the World Bank.

Under pressure from the public officials, the more senior bankers were able to achieve some success, emerging at 2 A.M. with a new proposal.

While acknowledging the active participation of top Reagan administration officials in negotiating the debt package, a senior administration official said Wednesday that the United States "will not be involved in assembling the official terms" of the agreement.

Given Mexico's long common border with the United States, its geographic and political importance, and the fact that it is the largest U.S. oil supplier, so one interviewed doubted that an agreement will be completed, especially considering the participation of U.S. government officials this week.

Mr. Baker's proposals, known as the Baker Plan, were presented at last year's IMF-World Bank meeting. They call for banks to make \$20 billion in new loans to 15 developing nations over three years.

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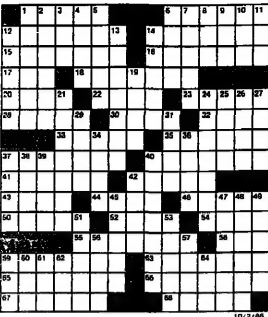
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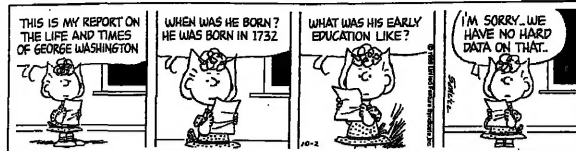
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Paris	52	42	W 10-15	0.00
Rome	50	40	W 10-15	0.00
Berlin	48	38	W 10-15	0.00
Amsterdam	46	36	W 10-15	0.00
Brussels	44	34	W 10-15	0.00
Frankfurt	42	32	W 10-15	0.00
Hamburg	40	30	W 10-15	0.00
Munich	38	28	W 10-15	0.00
Vienna	36	26	W 10-15	0.00
Zurich	34	24	W 10-15	0.00
Stockholm	32	22	W 10-15	0.00
Oslo	30	20	W 10-15	0.00
Reykjavik	28	18	W 10-15	0.00
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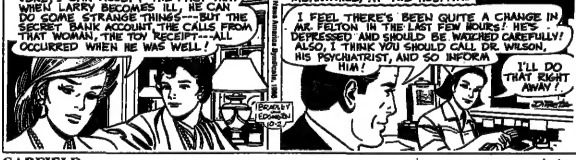
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World Stock Markets

Via Agence France-Presse Oct. 1
Closing prices in local currencies unless otherwise indicated.

Market	Index	Change
Amsterdam	3,100.00	+10.00
Brussels	2,100.00	+10.00
Frankfurt	1,100.00	+10.00
Hamburg	1,100.00	+10.00
Munich	1,100.00	+10.00
Vienna	1,100.00	+10.00
Zurich	1,100.00	+10.00
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BOOKS

WALLACE STEVENS: The Early Years, 1879-1923

By Joan Richardson. Illustrated. 591 pages. \$21.95. Beech Tree Books/William Morrow, 105 Madison Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10016.

Reviewed by Michiko Kakutani

TO readers of his shimmering, musical verse, Wallace Stevens appeared in a variety of moods. He was Peter Quince or Crispin the Comedian or the Man with a Blue Guitar. To his fiancée, Elsie Moll, he was Plutus or Tom Pouce or his favorite (jocular) epithet, "the man with a blue guitar." Yet the poet saw himself simply as "a most inappropriate man in a most unpropitious place" — a "thinking stone" who garbed his insecurities in a luminous cloak of words.

Although Stevens has long been recognized as one of the pre-eminent poets of his generation, people have tended to look upon his work as the distillation of a highly cerebral mind, the handiwork of a dandy and an aesthete, a clever sleight-of-hand man. As Joan Richardson reveals in her exemplary new biography, however, Stevens's poetry not only aspired to — and often achieved — epic dimensions, it remained deeply rooted in the painful details of his everyday life. Like Kafka and Eliot, whose stylized work similarly possessed stark autobiographical antecedents, Stevens concealed deeply personal concerns beneath the "plano-polished" surface of his verse. A series of poems ostensibly dealing with World War I actually represent the poet's attempts to come to terms with his parents' deaths and his increasingly troubled marriage; "Le Monocle de Monsieur" ("The Monocle of Monsieur"), "The Clavier" and "Domination of Black" also deal obliquely with his domestic problems.

Certainly it was no easy task to write this biography (the first of a two-volume study), for, as Richardson notes, Stevens was "expert at hiding" his same self-consciousness and emotional reticence that resulted in his eras. convolutions of style also led him to erase, cross out and annotate entire pages in his journals. Other material was destroyed and edited by his widow.

Richardson, a writer and scholar, has, however, succeeded in writing a marvelously rich and illuminating biography, drawing upon and sifting such earlier works as Holly Stevens's companion of her father's writings ("Stevens

and "Problems"), Peter Brzusca's oral biography ("Part of the World") and Milton Bates's recent critical study ("A Mythology of Self"). Using her generous reserves of sympathy for her subject and her intimate knowledge of Stevens's work, Richardson gives us a thorough understanding of his inner life and his creative process. She notes, for instance, that his journals and letters provided the seeds for later poems, that mundane observations of daily life (a glimpse of a woman in a white nightgown, a run-in with a local barber) yielded pivotal images and motifs, that his precocious sense of self did not limit him but enabled him to assimilate a host of disparate influences.

Even more impressively, Richardson describes the delicate transactions that occurred between Stevens's life and art — an important theme in the biography of any artist and a central one in this case, given the poet's preoccupation with the dichotomy between imagination and the "necessary agony" of reality.

Quite early on, Richardson contends, Stevens began to feel more at ease in the realm of words and secret thoughts than in the day-to-day world around him. Having inherited his father's obsession with his father's will, after a brief stint as a journalist, he went to law school, eventually becoming the "dean of surety claims men." Yet for Stevens, the hours spent daily at the Hartford Accident and Indemnity Company had little palpable meaning; he chafed at the evenings and weekends, when he could carry on his imaginary dialogues with poets of the past (including Dante, Milton and Whitman) and reinvent his awkward feelings through the magic of language.

This willful desire to live in the imagination also informed Stevens's courtship of Elsie Moll — and in this case, it had devastating consequences. Frightened of being overly vulnerable, and eager to turn her into his Muse, Stevens cast Elsie in a variety of roles — the "Poet's Wife," his "Bo-Pop," his "Poet's Queen." For five years, their relationship consisted mainly of letters creating this secret fictional world; their sporadic meetings were prefaced with detailed stage directions from the poet, telling Elsie what color clothes to wear. Within months of their wedding in 1909, he had discovered the insurmountable difficulties of dealing with the real person behind the masks.

Stevens's limited education and provincial upbringing precluded her participation in her husband's literary endeavors — would request further and further into his life, while Stevens would spend increasing amounts of time away from home, seeking solace in his solitary art.

It was through poetry that Stevens was able to reconcile some of his terrible ambivalences (between feeling and thinking, indulgence and skepticism, sentiment and scorn); and it was through writing, too, that he was able to transform his more misanthropic impulses into redemptive comedy.

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BRIDGE

By Alan Truscott

As planned, this left East with nothing but clubs. South led a low club and ducked it around to East, forcing a club return from the South. East's queen scored and the contract succeeded.

The game can be defeated but the defense is not easy. East must ruff the second round of diamonds, whether West leads a winner or a loser, and return a club for a ruff. A third round of diamonds is played and South has no endplay; he must now take a club for down one. At least one pair followed this defense and defeated the game. West led the diamond three at the second trick.

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